

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is not news but political advertising. It is a disgrace which undermines the public's trust of any major TV channels. If Sinclair Broadcasting insists on showing this ideological film, it should be forced to show a similar one favoring Kerry such as "Going Upriver". If they intend to broadcast political dialogue concerning the films, they are obligated to present pro Kerry comments as well.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I strongly urge you to put a stop to this blatant political advertising in the name of fairness and adherence to the law. Thank you.